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Via Electronic Mail

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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 656X)—CSX Transportation Inc. —
Abandonment Exemption in Marion County, West Virginia

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

The Marion County Commission (County) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 17.51 miles of railroad on its Southern Region, Huntington Division East, Fairmont Subdivision, between Barrackville, milepost BS-306.32 and Mannington, milepost BS-319.48, including the Dents Run Spur between milepost BSB 0.00 and milepost BSB 4.35, in Marion County, West Virginia in the above-captioned proceeding. The last extension of the negotiating period expires in March 2012.

A lot has transpired since the date of the last extension request. The County and CSXT have entered into an agreement for the corridor. There are a lot of details to the agreement including an environmental assessment. These details and tests are being worked out and the County and CSXT hope to have everything completed and the property transferred by May 30, 2012.

Therefore, the County respectfully requests that the Board grant this extension request so that the County and CSXT continue to work toward this goal. CSXT has acknowledged its consent to this extension request and has informed the County that it will file a letter with the Board regarding this matter and its consent.

In addition, the County respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1 002.2(e)(1).

The County is efileing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely Yours,

Richard Walton

Richard Walton, Planning and Development Director

CC: Parties of Record